

PSALM 145:18-19

# The Wednesday Connection

October 4, 2023

## Pray

Lord God, we thank you for the treasure you gave us in your son Jesus Christ, who is shrewdly persistent. He helps us in our daily walk when we are feeling low and believe that we are not valid. We thank you that he pursues us in a way that is sometimes forceful, unexpected, focused and personal! He is the only one we need to make us feel truly validated. So, we ask you to forgive us when we become indifferent to you and those around us. Help us to turn back to you and respond to Jesus' love. Teach us that we *must* do this before He can give us what we truly need. Only then will we see those situations that were in danger of dying, come back to life. How blessed we will be, to see our lives change for *your* glory, not our own. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you in all things. In Jesus name, amen.

### In Need of Prayer

Elwood Bingaman  
Betty Bledsoe  
Lauren Byers  
Janie Carpenter  
Bill & Lynda Casey  
Larson Church  
Brady & Kate Cone  
Destiny  
Dianne & Eddie  
Leslie Grizzle  
Kathy & Travis  
Keisha & Kyler  
Brenlee Kitchens  
Adeline Ledford  
Don & Carole Malcom  
Casey & Lisa McConnell  
Shirley Moody  
Faye Murphy  
Rusty Rollins  
Steve & Paige Sessions  
Ted & Ina Wagener  
Jeff Waldroup  
Betty Wilson

### In the Hospital

#### Upcoming Surgeries

Pat Wroten, 10/6  
Susan Adams, 10/10  
Stacia Childress, 11/2  
Debbie Wade, 12/19  
Glenn Wright, October

#### Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Ed Dearborn  
Jim & Georgia Moultrie  
Trudy Upshaw

*Accept one another, then,  
just as Christ accepted you,  
in order to bring praise to God.*  
**Romans 15:7**

### Rehab/Nursing Home

Peggy Driskell, CRNH  
David & Yolanda Keating, at home  
Connie Lake, CRNH  
Flora Jean Roberts, Union NH  
Barbara Van Nus, CRNH  
Pat Wright, CRNH  
Kay Yandell, Hayesville House

### Sympathy

Kathy Long, at the death of her mother, Evelyn Arnold.

# Events from the Church Calendar (10/5 - 10/11)

<b>THURSDAY</b> 10/5	9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Better—Ladies Bible Study, #233-FLC 10:00 - 11:30 am Nannie Rose Tatham/WMU, #LL-042 10:00 am - noon GriefShare, #219-FLC 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. My Estate Roadmap, The Lodge 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. "Escape the Coming Night" Bible Study, #LL-042 Choir Suite 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC	<b>MONDAY</b> 10/9	10:00 a.m. Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Awana Clubs, FLC
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10/7	1:00 p.m. Family Visitation for Dennis Barry 2:00 p.m. Dennis Barry Mem. Service, Worship Ctr.	<b>TUESDAY</b> 10/10	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group, #026-LL 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Alz/Dementia Support Group, #219-FLC
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10/8	8:15 a.m. Band Rehearsal, Worship Ctr. 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Library Open - before and after services 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:15 - 11:30 am PEAK Kids Worship <b>10:15 a.m. Morning Worship/OCC Shoebox Kickoff/ Lord's Supper/Benevolence Offering</b> 11:45 a.m. First Steps/Newcomers Class, The Lodge 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Pathfinders-YHC Small Group, The Lodge	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10/11	10:00 am - Noon Library Open (also 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.) 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Connect Team Meeting, Conf. Room #2 3:00 - 5:15 p.m. Summit Students Hangout Time, Lodge 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. PEAK Kids Edge, Children's Dept 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Summit Students, The Lodge 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents Small Group, #233-FLC 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Ctr 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Rooms 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CANDY COLLECTION - FOR CANDY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy thru 10/29. Look for the bins located in the FLC, Drive-thru Portico Lobby, and the Office Lobby. The Candy at the Fairgrounds community outreach is on **Tuesday, 10/31** from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

### WMU | 10/5

The Nannie Rose Tatham/WMU monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 5th** at 10:00 am in the Choir Suite Room LL-042. **All are welcome!!!** This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our specific mission efforts in different areas of the world, and meet new friends.

### OCC SHOEBOXES | 10/8

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be available in the Welcome Center on Sunday, October 8th. Begin preparing now by praying for the child(ren) who will receive the shoebox you pack just for them! Please also include a \$10 donation per shoebox to help cover shipping costs. **The deadline to return your filled shoeboxes is Sunday, November 12th.** You may also **Build a Box** online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)

### FIRST STEPS/NEW MEMBERS CLASS - 10/8

If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Steve & Pastor Danny as they share information about McConnell's vision. The class will be held on October 8th, at 11:45 a.m., in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service. A light lunch will be served. **This class is a prerequisite for joining the church.** [Register online](#) or call the church 706-896-2281.

### BAPTISM | 10/15

We will have baptism on Sunday, 10/15. If you, or someone you know would like to be baptized, contact the church office at 706-896-2281.

### AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS | 10/19

McConnell will host the AARP Smart Driver class on Thursday October 19th, from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. There are no tests and no driving. **Class size is limited** and the class is facilitated by a trained volunteer instructor. Lunch is bring-your-own and will be limited to 30 minutes. Cost for the course is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Check with your auto insurance company to see if you can save on your car insurance by taking this class. **To register, contact Kelly Cherry, phone 423-243-8146.**



### THIS IS THE GOSPEL

Be part of a pilot group for our Discipleship Pathway course that is launching October 15th. To register, scan the QR code here or on the poster in the Welcome Center, at the Missions wall.

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	10/1	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,225,196.00	\$47,375.50	\$1,223,111.68
<b>Mission Georgia Offering to date: \$ 15,465.00</b>			

Sunday, October 1
<b>In Church Attendance — 483</b>
<b>Sunday School Attendance — 266</b>